

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22348C2

This bill provides for two programs that will sunset after one year. The programs are:

1. Differential pay. The bill provides for the distribution of moneys to school districts requesting grant funds for local excellence in achievement awards. These excellence in achievement awards are subject to a variety of criteria that must be met, including among other criteria, that the awards shall be based upon excellence in achievement plans approved by the district with evidence that various local stakeholders provided input to the plan; that the plans are not subject to collective bargaining; that the plans allow for expenditure on professional development; that the plans shall establish goals and objective measures of growth relating to student achievement and that each district receiving grant funds must submit a detailed report to the state department of education reflecting student achievement results. The bill provides for other criteria as well.
2. Technology pilot projects. This program provides that funding will be made available to public schools and public charter schools for grants for technology pilot projects designed to improve student academic growth. The program provides for a competitive grant process prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction. The program also provides requirement for grant applications under the program.

FISCAL NOTE

None. Dependent on budget decisions.

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